

day, of which ten days notice at least shall be given to the party or parties interested; and the said jurors, when so met, and having each first taken an oath before some justice of the peace, that he will, without favour, affection, partiality or prejudice, assess the damages sustained by the person or persons at whose request such inquisition shall be taken, by reason of opening the aforesaid road through his, her or their land, shall thereupon proceed to assess and value the damages accordingly, taking into consideration the advantages and disadvantages, if any, and such inquisition and valuation shall be final and conclusive.

C H A P. CLXXVIII.

C H A P. CLXXIX.

An ACT relating to the Act, entitled, An Act for the relief of sundry Insolvent Debtors, passed November Session, eighteen hundred and five, and to the several Supplements thereto.

Passed 7th of Jan. 1810.

BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That it shall and may be lawful for the county courts of the respective counties, or the several judges thereof during the recess of the said court, to extend to all such persons as may apply to such court for the same, all the benefits and privileges intended to be given to the persons included in the said act, on their complying with the provisions of the said original act and of the several supplements thereto.

C H A P. CLXXX.

A Supplement to the Act, entitled, An Act to lay out and open a Road from the lower end of William Darnes's Lane, to intersect the public Road leading from John Orme's Plantation to Montgomery Court-House at or near the Union Mills.

Passed 7th of Jan. 1810.

BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the road contemplated to be laid out, by the act to which this is a supplement, shall be of the width of thirty feet.

C H A P. CLXXXI.

An ACT relative to the Judges of the Court of Appeals and of the County Courts.

Passed 7th of Jan. 1810.

WHEREAS the speedy administration of justice is highly conducive to the prosperity, and is essentially promotive of the best interests of the good people of this state, and for the attainment of this most desirable object it is requisite that all judges should be punctual and regular in the discharge of their important official duties; to the end therefore that this general assembly may be enabled to form a correct opinion of the conduct of the judges in this respect, and to meet the responsibility which attaches to them as the grand inquest of this state,

II. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the clerk of the court of appeals for the western and eastern shore respectively, and the clerks of the several county courts, be and they are hereby required and directed to report, annually, to the general assembly, on or before the first Monday in December, the duration of every term or session of their several courts, and the number of days that the judge or judges of such court shall respectively attend for the performance of his or their official duties.

III. AND BE IT ENACTED, That if the clerk of any of the courts herein mentioned shall fail to comply with the direction of this act in making his annual report as aforesaid to the general assembly, he shall forfeit and pay the sum of one hundred dollars, to be recoverable and applied as other fines and forfeitures are.

IV. AND BE IT ENACTED, That as a compensation for the performance of the service required by the provisions of this act, the clerk of each court as aforesaid shall receive five dollars, an allowance for which shall be made by the committee of claims on the journal of accounts.

C H A P. CLXXXII.

An ACT appointing George W. Jackson Trustee to convey to George Robertson certain Lands therein mentioned.

Passed 7th of Jan. 1810.

BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That George W. Jackson be and he is hereby appointed trustee, and authorised and required as such to convey to George Robertson, by a